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Sir:

Information Disclosure Statements with Forms PTO-1449 were filed in the above-captioned patent application on December 17, 2001 and March 1, 2002. Applicants have not yet received copies of the Forms PTO-1449 initialed by the Examiner to acknowledge the cited disclosed information was considered by the Examiner.

The Examiner is requested to initial and return to the undersigned a copy of the subject Forms PTO-1449. For the convenience of the Examiner, copies of the forms are attached.

Should there be any questions concerning this communication, please telephone the undersigned attorney at the telephone number set forth below. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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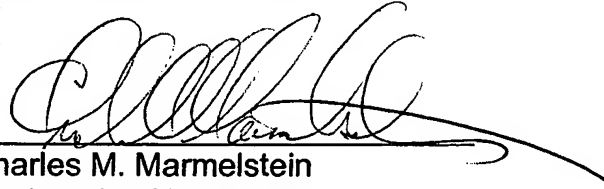
Sir:

This is an Information Disclosure Statement submitted under 37 C.F.R.1.97 within the time specified under 37 CFR 1.97(b).

The references cited in the attached Form PTO-1449 were cited in the enclosed International Search Report issued by the Japanese Patent Office in connection with the above international application. It is understood that the Japanese Patent Office has sent a copy of each of the cited references to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. If this is not the case, please contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below. However, for the Examiner's convenience, the cited references are attached hereto.

In view of the above, all requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 and all official guidelines pertaining to Information Disclosure Statements have been complied with, and it is therefore respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the references and make them of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: March 1, 2002

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the information items listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each item is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the items be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

- ☒ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (a) within three months of the U.S. filing date, OR (b) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the present application, OR (c) accompanies a Request for Continued Examination. No certification or fee is required.
- ☐ 2. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the U.S. filing date AND after the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before the mailing date of a Final Rejection or Notice of Allowance.
- ☐ a. I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. 37 CFR §1.97(e)(1).
- ☐ b. I hereby certify that no item of information in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to my knowledge after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. 37 CFR §1.97(e)(2).
- ☐ c. A check in the amount of \$180.00 in payment of the fee under 37 CFR §1.17(p). Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2300 as needed to ensure consideration of the disclosed information.

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- ☒ 4. English-language Abstracts are attached hereto.

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